# Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) The P.E.A.C.E.\* Initiative

\*Putting an End to Abuse through Community Efforts

## and the City of San Antonio, Mayor's Office

invite you to attend a seminar tailored specifically for mental health professionals who work with the criminal justice and law enforcement systems. This seminar will provide information about Texas laws and methods of intervention with regard to domestic violence. We will explore trends in law enforcement, collaborative partnerships and how cultural awareness and sensitivity enhances our interventions.

TCFV provides a team of trainers from around the state who have extensive experience in the family violence field and the many problems encountered by victims/survivors and the personnel who handle their cases.

## Topics include:

- Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity
- ♦ Collaborative Partnerships
- ♦ *Immigration Law and Rights*

#### Who Should attend:

- ♦ Mental health providers
- ♦ Social service providers
- ♦ Probation officers
- Child protective services workers

This is a free training opportunity made possible through a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office.

This training is approved for 6 hours of CEU, CLE and TCLEOSE credits.

#### **Presenters**

**Thecia Jenkins** is a professional speaker, trainer and author. She is the Senior Education Manager with The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, a crisis center for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Houston. Ms. Jenkins has developed and implemented training programs for the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, Texas Women's University and the Mental Health Association of Greater Houston and middle and high schools.

**Edna Yang** is the coordinating attorney for the Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA), in Texas. The Program provides legal representation to immigrants seeking relief under the Violence Against Women Act, conducts

training sessions for law enforcement officials and service providers, and organizes outreach and educational sessions for immigrant members of the community. Edna has previous experience assisting survivors of abuse in family law cases as well, primarily in obtaining protective orders.

**Sarah Kihneman** is the Director of Legal Services at SafePlace in Austin, Texas. She manages the Civil Legal Assistance Program and also supervises SafePlace's legal advocates who office in the District and County Attorney's offices and provide on-site crisis counseling, court accompaniment and referrals to battered women who are victims of crimes or are applying for protective orders. Ms. Kihneman also supervises the coordinator of the Family Violence Protection Team, a collaborative effort to increase communication on domestic violence cases among law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim service providers in Travis County.

# Registration Form

Domestic Violence: Criminal Justice Response Training A Free Training Opportunity

> Wednesday, June 30, 2004 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels

Name			
Title			
Organization			
Address			
City/ Zip			
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E-mail			
☐ TCLEOSE	☐ CLE	☐ CEU	None

Lunch is on your own.

You are encouraged to enjoy lunch in one of the many eating establishments in the area or bring your own lunch and eat on the property.

Please fax or mail this form by June 25th to:

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